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Washington, Major General Brooke, commanding the division of Cuba, has issued the following circular to the officers serving on that Island :

"Officers of the army serving in Cuba are requested to procure wherever practicable any object of historical, ethnological or artistic interest that it may be possible for them to obtain in a proper manner for shipment by government transports, to be deposited among the government collections in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington."

THE Indian correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* reports that the Muktesar Bacteriological Laboratory, including the residence of the Imperial Bacteriologist, which formed part of it, has been completely gutted by fire. Owing to the large amount of pinewood which had been used in the construction of the building, including an enclosed wooden veranda on either side, the flames, which broke out at night, aided by a strong wind, spread with such rapidity that much of the laboratory apparatus, and nearly all private property, was lost. It is stated, however, that the whole of the records of the rinderpest experiments which have been carried out throughout the present year, together with efficient apparatus to allow of their being continued, and all the Government library, have been saved. Surgeon-General Harvey will visit Muktesar early in November, when it is expected that arrangements will be made for the reconstruction of the building, as the walls are reported to be sound.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE University of Pennsylvania has received a gift of \$250,000 for the construction and equipment of a laboratory of physics, which will be erected at Thirty-fourth and Locust streets. The name of the donor is withheld for the present. *

IT was announced in this JOURNAL last week that funds had been provided for a chair of geology in McGill University in memory of the late Sir William Dawson, the income to be given to Lady Dawson during her life. At the last meeting of the Governors of the University, it was announced that the donor is Sir William MacDonald, to whom the University is already indebted for such great gifts. The

amount of the endowment is \$62,000 and the chair is to be known as the Dawson chair of geology. There is already a Logan chair of geology in the University, filled by Professor Frank D. Adams, but a second will be filled when the income becomes available.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY has received a gift of \$38,000 from Miss Elizabeth A. Mead, subject to an annuity during her lifetime. St. Lawrence University has received \$34,000 from various sources. North Western University has received \$15,000 from Dr. R. D. Sheppard toward the cost of a gymnasium.

HON. WM. C. TODD, of Atkinson, N. H., the founder of the newspaper reading room of the Boston public library, has just made the gift of \$500 to the library of Washington and Lee University, to be used chiefly for books on chemistry.

IT is probable that a college for teachers will be established at Cornell University with the aid of funds from New York State. By the increase in the number of the assembly districts in the State, Cornell University must educate eighty-eight additional students without charge, and it is reported that President Schurman and the Superintendent of Public Instruction have asked for support for the college for teachers in return for these scholarships. The College will be on the same basis as the State Veterinary College and the State College of Forestry, in which the cost of professional training is provided by the State, and the other instruction by the University.

A UNIVERSITY Council has been established at Yale University, the function of which is specially to consider questions which concern more than one school or department. The first members are Dean Wright and Professors Dana, Perrin and Sumner of the academic department; Dean Chittenden and Professors Lounsbury and Pirsson of the Scientific School; Dean Phillips of the Graduate School; Dean Wayland and Professor S. E. Baldwin of the Law School; Dean Smith and Professor Carmalt of the Medical School; Dean Fisher and Professor Brastow of the Divinity School; Dean Weir of the Art School, and either Professor Parker or Professor Sanford of the musical department.